

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shih in view of Garney.

It is respectfully submitted that it is clear that the event monitor of Shih is part of the operating system, not part of the user interface of the expansion card. Further, the autorun program and other applications are stored in the memory of a computer readable medium which can be connected to a PC in a releasable manner. The attachment of the computer readable medium is detected by the event monitor which searches for the autorun program from the computer readable medium and when found, starts to execute it. It is not mentioned that the autorun program was first loaded from the medium to the PC. The autorun program loads an application from the medium to the memory of the PC and starts its operation. At least the underlined features are different from the present invention. Furthermore, the autorun program is not the same as the basic module of the present invention because the autorun program is not loaded to the host and the autorun program is not part of the application to be loaded with it.

The claims have been amended to clearly indicate that the basic module and the user interface module are both stored in the memory of the host device (during an installation phase) and that the basic module is not a universal basic module but a basic module of a particular expansion card.

Garney is even farther from the present invention than Shih. In the system of Garney the device driver comprises two parts. The first part (the device driver stub code) is loaded from a releasable card to the computer. The first part then controls the

operation of the second part which is operated directly from the card. In other words, the computer contains neither the stub code nor the second part before the card is connected to the computer, and the second part is not loaded to the computer.

It is currently stated in the claims that "...said basic module and said interface module being separate parts of the user interface software". To make this point clearer, this phrase has been amended to read: " ... parts of the same user interface software". The basic module really is not an universal module, but specific for that particular user interface software.

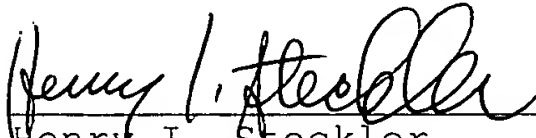
It is submitted that it is clear enough that the basic module is in the host memory when it loads the missing user interface module. However, this aspect is further emphasized in the independent claims "...when the expansion card is coupled to the electronic device and the basic module is already loaded ...".

Thus even if Shih and Garney are combined, the result is not the present invention since the above discussed features would still be missing.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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